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GREETINGS DULUTH SECTION!

Greetings,

As I write this article, I am listening to the news about our first snowfall coming tomorrow. Hopefully, most of your projects are wrapped up for the year and we can look forward to a busy winter designing projects for next year. It has been a busy construction season, and it feels good to be able to look forward to the holiday season fast approaching.

We have finally found a secretary for our Duluth Section board. His name is Alex Popp, and he works for the City of Duluth. In this newsletter you will find his bio and picture. We are so thankful he stepped up to keep our board positions all full. Please welcome him aboard if you see him at our future meetings.

Speaking of meetings, we will be having our next monthly luncheon on Tuesday November 19 at 12 pm at LHB in Duluth. LHB will be presenting on the Brighton Beach project in Duluth. Presenters will be Heidi Bringman and Megan Goplin. Please join us if you can for this interesting presentation.

There are also a few board chairs that are still vacant. Those positions are Government Relations chair, Membership chair and Website chair. If you or anyone you know would be interested in any of these positions, please contact me or anyone on the board.

We also still need a few more future speakers for our monthly luncheons so if you have an interesting project you would like to share with our group, please let Pete Demshar know.

I would like to share with you all that one of our past Duluth Section ASCE presidents (1995), David Prusak, recently received a very prestigious award in Alaska. He was chosen as the Engineer of the Year 2023 by the Alaska Society of Professional Engineers earlier this summer. What a great accomplishment this is. David used to work for the City of Duluth, and he now works for Stantec Engineering in Fairbanks, AK. He was an active member of the Duluth section. Congrats David!

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Contact Pete Demshar (newsletter editor) for information at 952.913.6392 or pdemshar@barr.com



The Duluth YMG will be hosting monthly happy hours at various locations around Duluth. All are welcome to join! It is a wonderful way to network with members of the Duluth section.

Please remember to renew your ASCE National / ASCE Duluth section memberships if you have not already.

Also please try to renew your yearly company sponsorship for the Duluth ASCE section. The sponsorship letter is in the newsletter for your use.

In closing, please let us know if you have any ideas for future luncheons or events. Thank you!

Ryan Swanson, PE
Duluth Section President

WELCOME

ALEX POPP, SECTION SECRETARY



Bio: Alex is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin–Platteville, where he served on the board of the student chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and was also involved with the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). After starting his career with SEH in Chippewa Falls, WI, he moved to Duluth in 2019. Alex now works as a project engineer for the City of Duluth, focusing on the design and construction of state and federal aid street projects.



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Vacant

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: November 19th, 2024

Speaker: Heidi Bringman and Megan Goplin

Topic: Brighton Beach Project

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: LHB Duluth Office

MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2024-2025

Membership Meetings

~~November 19, 2024~~

December 17, 2024

January 21, 2025

February 18, 2025

March 18, 2025

April 15, 2025

Board Meetings

~~November 20, 2024~~

December 18, 2024

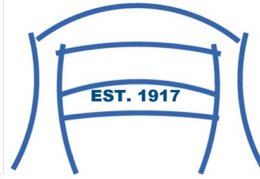
January 28, 2025

February 25, 2025

March 25, 2025

April 22, 2025

May 21, 2025



ASCE DULUTH SECTION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 24, 5:00 PM
Ursa Minor, Duluth

Call Meeting to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m.
- Attendance:
 - Andrew Lund – Past President
 - Ryan Swanson – President
 - Peter Demshar – Vice President
 - Tyler Yngsdal – Treasurer
 - Rose Kopecky – Website Chair
 - Lukas Ellefson – YMG Vice Chair
 - Zach Huffaker – Student Section

Approval of Agenda

- A motion was made by Andrew Lund, seconded by Tyler Yngsdal to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

Approval of Minutes (Tyler)

- A motion was made by Pete Demshar, seconded by Andrew Lund to approve the August Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

Government Relations (Vacant)

- Ryan and Pete have both tried reaching out to Chris Rousseau. Ryan will keep trying to get ahold of Chris.

Student section update (Josh E/ Paul B/Zach H)

- Zach will email the list of officers and contact information to the Board.
- Zach will send a newsletter update about the Student Section.
- Student section completed their Adopt-a-Highway clean up activity this past weekend.
- STEM career fair was held a couple of weeks ago.

Younger Member Discussion (Dalton)

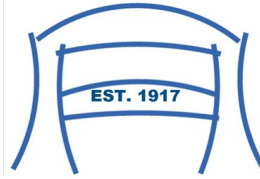
- YMG is continuing their planning for YMG Happy Hour events.
- Next event is at Earth Rider Brewery
- No tours have been planned yet.

Treasurer's Report (Ryan/Pete)

- A motion was made by Ryan Swanson, seconded by Tyler Yngsdal to approve the August Treasurer's report. The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.
- Pete will update the Treasurer's report for September.
- A motion was made by Pete Demshar, seconded by Andrew Lund to approve adding Tyler Yngsdal to the bank account for access to Section financials as Treasurer. The motion carried with the following vote: All in favor.
- Tyler and Pete will meet this coming Thursday to get Tyler added to the account.
- Tyler and Pete will schedule a time to sit down and run through Treasurer's duties.

2024-2025 Speakers (Ryan/Pete)

- October 15th – Possibly Hanco Utilities, Pete will follow up with LHB and Enbridge for potentially hosting the October event.



- November 19th – Possibly TPI @ BARR
- December 17th
- January 21st
- February 18th – UMD - Possible speaker interest from last year.
- March 18th
- April 15th
- May 13th
- Future – Possibly West Superior Street Reconstruction (Tyler will reach out to Matt Bolf)

2024-2025 BOARD MEETING / LUNCHEON SCHEDULE (ALL MEETING SCHEDULED AT 12:00 PM EACH DAY)

Luncheons

- October 15th (TBD)
- November 19th (TBD)
- December 17th (TBD)
- January 21st (TBD)
- February 18th (@ UMD)
- March 18th (TBD)
- April 15th (TBD)
- May 13th (TBD)
- May 20th – Year End Dinner

Board Meetings

- September 24th
- October 22nd
- November 20th
- December 18th
- January 28th
- February 25th
- March 25th
- April 22nd
- May 21st

Newsletter Update (Pete)

- President’s message (Ryan), meeting minutes (Tyler), YMG (Dalton), UMD section updates (Zach), Sponsorship letter (Pete), Treasurer report (Tyler/Pete)
- **Submissions Due: Send to Pete by 9/30/24, Send Newsletter out 10/4/24**

Membership (Vacant)

- Contact list update – Rose will reach out to Andrea to get access to the contact list.

Outreach Chair (Vacant)

Website Chair (Rose)

- Website has been recently updated.

Toothpick Bridge

- Ryan will reach out to Travis about the event.

Ongoing Business:

- ASCE Archival documents
 - With Rose K. (SEH)
- Board seat Cut sheet for positions. Updates to be added to new Microsoft OneDrive
 - Andrew provided update comments for President, Vice President, and past President
 - Board will review the updates for next meeting
 - Tyler will review the Secretary cut sheet for updates for next meeting
 - Pete will review the Treasurer cut sheet for updates for next meeting
- Tyler, Pete, and Ryan will set up a meeting to review the Section Bylaws in comparison with the National Template for updates. Tentatively scheduled for mid-November.
- Mock Career Fair – Preferably in January by YMG
- Increase Luncheon Cost – The Board discussed increasing the Luncheon cost to \$30 per attendee to cover increased food prices.



- **A motion was made by Ryan Swanson, seconded by Pete Demshar to approve increasing the luncheon cost to \$30 and table the virtual option. The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.**
- Dalton is interested in attending either the next Multi region event or the next Region 3 event. Waiting on dates to be posted. Tabled.
- Andrew emailed ASCE National to post newly appointed Board positions.

Matrix and Bylaw Review

- Reviewed

New Business

- Secretary position is Vacant
 - Tyler has been in contact with Alex Popp from City of Duluth who has expressed interest in the position. Tyler will follow up with ASCE Memberships and Alex.
 - Tyler will continue to produce meeting minutes and check the section mail box until the position is filled.

Next Board Meeting: Oct. 22, 2024 at Blackwoods in Proctor

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Come enjoy some free food and networking opportunities with young civil engineering professionals! **NO RSVP** required, just show up!

Who:

Working professionals of all ages as well as civil engineering students.

What:

Happy Hour sponsored by ASCE Younger Member Group.

Where and When:

Happy hours will run from 5:00-6:30 pm on the following dates:

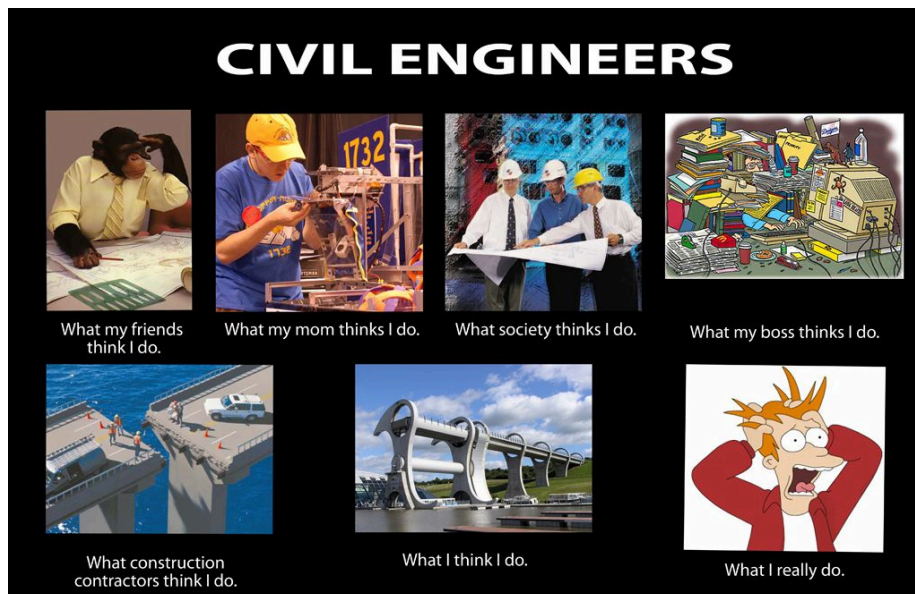
November 21 - Hoops Brewing

December 12 - Hoops Brewing

Happy hour dates for January-April to be communicated via ASCE collaborate email

Questions:

Contact: Dalton Scharmer (dalton.scharmer@tkda.com) or Josh Tomczak (josh@nce-duluth.com)





2024-2025 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

We want to thank you for supporting The Duluth Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers in the past. Your sponsorship helps fund several programs that are specific to the Duluth Section. The first being our toothpick bridge competition. This program helps promote civil engineering at a young age, which is vital to the future of our profession. The second program is our annual scholarships to civil engineering and civil engineering technology students. Your sponsorship helps our local ASCE section to promote these valuable activities. That is why it is time again for us to ask you to renew your sponsorship, or consider a new sponsorship for 2024-2025. Our membership is comprised of engineers from a diverse range of companies (engineering, construction and geotechnical, etc.). We are very proud to showcase your company logo on our sponsor page.

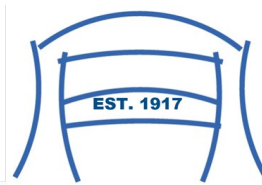
With a contribution of \$ 250, your company's logo will be displayed in each section newsletter from September 2024 through August 2025. Our newsletter is produced 9 months of the year and reaches all of our 250+ members. Your support also aids the Duluth ASCE Section's efforts to keep the civil engineering community actively involved through technical presentations and networking luncheons, social activities, and student outreach activities.

If you would like to renew your sponsorship or become a sponsor, please send a check payable to **ASCE - Duluth Section** to the section treasurer:

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Sincerely,
The Duluth Section Board of Directors



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